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Native Asphalt Company
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Gentlemen:

Re: Notice of Intent Requirement, Asphalt Ridge Mine, M/047/004,
Uintah County, Utah

I was recently at the Asphalt Ridge Mine site observing the Standard Oil/BP America revegetation efforts underway at that time (October 11, 1988). I noticed that Native Asphalt Company has started some mining in the area. I observed a small trench excavation and a stockpile, located in the vicinity of a small spring and riparian area.

I was informed by the contractor working on the Standard Oil site that this was Native Asphalt's work. If this is the case, Native Asphalt must file a Notice of Intent with the Division as soon as possible. The NOI can either be for an area of 5 acres or under, Small Mine Operator's NOI, or for an area encompassing more than 5 acres, Large Mine Operators's NOI. I have enclosed the appropriate forms.

The area where mining is presently taking place is associated with a spring and riparian zone. Also a perennial stream runs through this area. This area has already been impacted rather severely by the mining. The Division will ask Native Asphalt to take mitigating measures to alleviate the impact on this environmentally sensitive zone. Mitigation can be in the form of berms, diversions, and/or culverts associated with roads and pads in this area.

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd
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